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SUBJECT: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT DESIRE TO SECOND AN OFFICER
TO IUCN VIA UNEP

1. INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HAS AGREED TO SECOND AN OFFICER TO
SERVE IN INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE
(IUCN) IN MORGES AS STAFF MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR SURVIVAL
SERVICES COMMISSION (SSC) RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES. SINCE
IUCN NOT ACCREDITED FOR TAKING ON SECONDED U.S. OFFICIAL
DIRECTLY ACCORDING USG REGULATION, INTERIOR WOULD LIKE TO
SECOND OFFICIAL TO UNEP FOR ASSIGNMENT TO IUCN IN POSITION
DESCRIBED.

2. PURPOSES OF THIS SECONDMENT ARE TO ASSIST IUCN AND AT
SAME TIME MAKE SSC MORE EFFECTIVE IN SERVING IUCN PLANNING
FUNCTIONS. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC IUCN REQUEST
FOR PERSONNEL ASSISTANCE. FYI: IT ALSO REPRESENTS MOVE TO
IMPLEMENT US POLICY CONCERNING SSC ROLE ORIGINALLY ARTICU-
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LATED AT KINSHASA IUCN ASSEMBLY IN 1975. END FYI.

SECONDMENT VIA UNEP SHOULD ALSO SERVE TO ASSIST COORDINA-
TION ON ENDANGERED SPECIES CONVENTION WITH UNEP IN LATTER'S
ROLE AS SECRETARIAT FOR CONVENTION.

3. SECONDMENT WAS DISCUSSED WITH PETER THATCHER, UNEP GENEVA, BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INTERIOR CURTIS BOHLEN IN OCTOBER 1976, AND HAS THATCHER'S CONCURRENCE. IUCN ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL DUNCAN POOLE ALSO DISCUSSED IN SEPTEMBER 1976, WITH BRUCE STEDMAN, UNEP NAIROBI, WHO ALSO RESPONDED FAVORABLY.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY ASK UNEP TO ACCEPT SECONDMENT OF INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICER FOR ASSIGNMENT TO IUCN PER ABOVE FOR PERIOD APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION OR RENEWAL. INTERIOR WILL CONTINUE TO PAY OFFICER'S SALARY, TRAVEL, ALLOWANCES, ETC., SO UNEP'S ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE NOMINAL. PROBABLE ARRIVAL TIMING IS SECOND QUARTER 1977.

5. FOR GENEVA: MISSION PLEASE INFORM THATCHER OF ABOVE REQUEST.
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